



Energy Efficiency Grants Expand In Second Round

Block Grant Program Makes \$4.8 Million Available To Smaller Indiana Communities

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(Indianapolis)--Lt. Governor Becky Skillman has announced that a second round of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) will be made available to smaller Indiana cities, towns and counties as part of a competitive grant process. The Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) will begin accepting applications on March 8, 2010. A total of \$4.8 million will be available across five areas of interest.

“The first round of this program was highly successful in helping local governments across Indiana lead by example in energy efficiency,” said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. “We hope this second round, with its expanded areas of interest will be even more successful.”

The EECBG program is funded through the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) and administered in Indiana by the OED. Eligible applicants should be designated by USDOE as non-entitlement entities, which are cities and towns with less than 35,000 in population and counties with populations of 200,000 or less.

Currently, first round applicants are being informed of their awards. For the second round, there are five areas of interest:

Area 1: Energy Efficient Traffic and Street Lights

- Eligible projects include LED technology to replace inefficient lighting for pedestrian signals, traffic signals, and street lights
- Cap of \$250,000 maximum per applicant.

Area 2: Lighting Retrofits for Government-Owned Structures

- Eligible projects include energy efficient lighting upgrades and lighting/occupancy sensor controls for government-owned structures.
- Cap of \$100,000 maximum per applicant.
- An energy audit is recommended, but not required
- Cost of energy audit can be claimed as an eligible, reimbursable expense.

Area 3: Structure Retrofits (excluding lighting) for Government-Owned Structures

- Eligible projects include energy efficient HVAC, and insulation
- Renewable energy projects are not eligible projects.
- Cap of \$200,000 maximum per applicant.
- An energy audit is recommended, but not required
- Cost of energy audit can be claimed as an eligible, reimbursable expense.

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Area 4: Waste water treatment facilities energy efficient retrofits

- Eligible projects include energy efficient pump and motor upgrades and other upgrades that improve plant efficiency
- Cap of \$250,000 maximum per applicant.
- Be aware that the deadline for completing your project is less 8 months, so put together applications accordingly.

Area 5: Energy Management System

- Eligible projects include energy efficient management measures such as lighting controls or energy management systems
- Cap of \$100,000 maximum per applicant.

The purpose of the Indiana EECBG Program is to assist eligible entities in creating and implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions in a manner that is environmentally sustainable, reduce the total energy use of the eligible entities, increase energy efficiency, reduce energy consumption and reduce energy costs through efficiency improvements and create new jobs and increased productivity to spur economic growth and community development.

Applicants can apply for grants in more than one area, but only one per area. Guidelines for the program and the link to the online application process will be available beginning March 8, 2010, at www.Energy.IN.gov. Completed applications must be submitted by April 9, 2010. Successful applicants should be notified in early May pending USDOE approval.

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The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state's energy policy. For more information visit www.energy.in.gov or follow OED on twitter, IndianaEnergy.

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